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SUBJECT: "NOTABLES" IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AGAIN URGE PLO
ATTENDANCE AT GENEVA CONFERENCE

REF: BEIRUT 14362

1. WE NOTE REPORT JAN. 18 IN LOCAL INDEPENDENT AN NAHAR ASSERTING
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THAT SO-CALLED "PALESTINIAN NATIONAL FRONT" IN WEST BANK/GAZA

HAS CONVEYED ANOTHER MESSAGE TO PLO EX COMM URGING FEDAYEEN PARTICIPATION IN PEACE TALKS AT GENEVA. MESSAGE, WHICH REPORTEDLY SIGNED BY "INDEPENDENT PERSONALITIES" AND REPS OF FEDAYEEN AND "OTHER NATIONALIST AND PROGRESSIVE" GROUPS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, ALLEGEDLY WAS DELIVERED TO 'ARAFAT SECRETLY IN DAMASCUS BY NUMBER OF "LEADERS" FROM WEST BANK AND GAZA. IT REAFFIRMED SUPPORT FOR PLO AS SOLE REP OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND REITERATED NEED FOR PLO TO "ADOPT POSITIVE STAND TOWARD GENEVA CONFERENCE, AFTER UNDERTAKING MINUTE STUDIES AND OBTAINING ESSENTIAL GUARANTEES". IT NOTED THAT ARAB AND PALESTINIAN "ACTION" ON POLITICAL, MILITARY AND ECONOMIC LEVELS HAS CREATED "NEW SITUATION CAPABLE OF FORCING ISRAEL TO RENOUNCE ITS EXPANSIONIST DREAMS AND PROVIDING CLIMATE FOR RECOVERY OF OUR NATIONAL RIGHTS". MESSAGE AGAIN WARNED THAT PLO'S ABSENCE AT GENEVA WOULD LEAVE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES TO BECOME PLAYTHING BETWEEN JORDAN AND ISRAEL. URGED THAT WEST BANK AND GAZA BE GIVEN INDEPENDENCE UNDER A "PALESTINIAN NATIONAL AUTHORITY" IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESES CONTAINED IN PLO'S PALESTINIAN NATIONAL CHARTER--TO WHICH "FRONT" CLAIMED IT IS FULLY COMMITTED.

2. COMMENT: (A) THIS IS SECOND TIME WE HAVE SEEN REFERENCE TO MESSAGES FROM "NATIONAL FRONT" IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES TO PLO LEADERSHIP--MESSAGES WHICH TEND TO BEAR OUT EARLIER REPORTS FROM CONGEN JERUSALEM RE POPULAR ATTITUDES ON WEST BANK IN WAKE OF OCTOBER WAR. AT SAME TIME, WE HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING WHETHER "FRONT" EMBRACAL BROAD SEGMENT OF WEST BANK/GAZAN NOTABLES OR IS MERELY A BUNCH OF GABBY YOUTHS IN SOME BACKROOM IN NABLUS. WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENT BY JERUSALEM AND TEL AVIV.

(B) AS RELATED NOTE OF ADDITIONAL INTEREST, WE UNDERSTAND FROM RELIABLE SOURCES THAT PFLP WEEKLY AL HADAF -- DUE TO APPEAR HERE JAN 19 -- WILL CONTAIN FIRST INDICATION OF PFLP'S READINESS TO "ACCEPT" PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT PROVIDING FOR CREATION OF INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN STATE IN AREA SMALLER THAN THAT WHICH FORMED PRE- 1948 PALESTINE. WILL REPORT DETAILS SOONEST.

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